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Mother of the Year will be escorted by Senator Clark. Would you please rise while they come forward. We have several dignitaries and guests that will be seated in the back and as soon as we sort of get them arranged. There's the husband of the Mother of the Year, Mr. Larry Enersen. I think there are some seats underneath the other balcony to the south also if you'd like to take seats over there. The chair does have the opportunity this morning to introduce to you Mrs. Bertha Hill and I'm sure that many of you will remember that Mrs. Hill's husband, Ralph, was a long-time legislator in this body and likewise was after that elected

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State Treasurer. Mrs. Hill herself served in that capacity and it is a pleasure for me to introduce to you this morning Mrs. Bertha Hill.

MRS. BERTHA HILL: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. I surely appreciate that and I'm very happy to be here this morning and we won't take too much of your time because I know you're busy but the very great honor to present these two ladies to you this year. The first, I want to tell you that we do have a Young Mother, the first that we've had in Nebraska. Young Mother's Clubs are being organized and I'm hoping from now on that we will continue to have a Young State Mother and she has also received the honor, we found out recently, to represent all the states west of the Mississippi at the convention in Denver the first of May and she will only have to compete with one other person which will be the lady that will be the young mother east of the Mississippi so of course we're pulling for the west you see. She is a very charming young lady. She wrote an essay on this wonderful world of young mothers and received the first place there and has done a great deal of civic work in Sidney, Nebraska, especially has organized a group of people representing the 12 churches of that city and they formed a committee to help all the projects. At this time I'd like to present to you our Young Mother, Mrs. Jack Stewart of Sidney.

MRS. JACK STEWART: Thank you. I was just kind of looking back at home after I'd gotten this honor and I have two calendars at home, one for last year to see what I did last year and one for this year to see what I'm going to be doing and I noticed that it was exactly one year ago today, April 19, that I attended and that I joined the Young Mothers Counsel Service and it just struck me kind of funny. I thought back to the West Side Story song of Only in America could something like this happen. I can't think of a more exciting time or more exciting honor in the past or in the future than I am experiencing right now as the first Nebraska Young Mother and I'd like to urge all you gentlemen to support the Young Mothers Counsel Service. J. Edgar Hoover was a strong supporter of the program. Pat Nixon is an honorary member and Dale Evans Rogers is an honorary chairman, I believe, so you can see that the ranks of the people involved in this are certainly distinguished people and I think it behooves you to also support and be one of the people who support the program just as you support the state Senior Mother Program. Thank you.

MRS. HILL: Today we have as the 1973 state Mother of Nebraska a lady that I'm sure most of you gentlemen know because she's been so very interested in years in years in the projects of crippled children and handicapped children and so forth and she has helped, to get to you people to talk to you about those laws. I'm not going to go into that. I'm just saying that Mrs. Enersen has perhaps had the most things about her in a civic way, in a statewide and national way than perhaps any